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For: **EXPANDABLE FOAM-LIKE BIOMATERIALS AND METHODS**

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

The Examiner's Advisory Action dated February 28, 2005, indicates that the Amendment Under Rule 116 was not entered as it allegedly raised the issue of new matter with respect to the amended expression of a "solid cellular foam." On review of the Amendment Under Rule 116 following receipt of the Advisory Action, it was noted that the citation to page 8, lines 23-35 as support for the foamed biopolymer being a solid material inadvertently included typographical errors. The correct citation should have been to page 7, lines 23-25 wherein it is stated that:

"The amount of gas that is evolved and/or introduced into the liquid pre-polymeric material will also determine the extent to which the resulting **solid foamed biomaterial expands.**"
(emphasis added)

Applicants' undersigned attorney regrets any confusion that the mis-citation may have caused the Examiner.

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It should now be evident that clear and unequivocal support for the foamed biopolymer being a solid material exists in the originally filed specification.

Early receipt of the official allowance notice is therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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